

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 32: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
Chapter 17: ELECTRICIANS

§1102-B. PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

1. Permits required. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no electrical equipment may be installed or altered unless the person making the installation first obtains a permit from the board.

[2011, c. 286, Pt. F, §6 (AMD) .]

2. Application procedure. An application for a permit must be made in a form provided by the board together with any plans, specifications or schedules the board may require. If the board determines that the installation or alteration planned is in compliance with all applicable statutes, ordinances and rules, it shall issue a permit if the fee required under subsection 4 has been paid.

[2011, c. 286, Pt. F, §7 (AMD) .]

3. Inspection required. An inspection is required before the electrical wiring is enclosed by the building construction. The electrician making the installation or alteration shall notify the state electrical inspector when the installation is ready for inspection. The inspector shall inspect the installation within a reasonable time so as not to cause undue delay in the progress of the construction contract or installation. The inspector shall determine whether the installation complies with all applicable statutes, ordinances and rules. If the inspector determines that the installation does not so comply, the procedures set forth in section 1104 apply. Any utility corporation must require proof of permit prior to connecting power to the installation.

[2011, c. 286, Pt. F, §8 (AMD) .]

4. Procedures and fees. Pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, the board may adopt procedures for permit applications and the conduct of inspections. The combined service fee for permit and inspection must be paid with every application for a permit. The Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation shall adopt by rule a schedule of appropriate service fees, but in no event may any scheduled service fee exceed \$100. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

[2001, c. 323, §17 (AMD); 2011, c. 286, Pt. B, §5 (REV) .]

5. Exceptions to permitting requirement. This section does not apply to the following:

A. Single-family dwellings; [1995, c. 325, §7 (AMD) .]

B. The electrical work and equipment employed in connection with the construction, installation, operation, repair or maintenance of any utility by a public utility, or by a contractor working on behalf of a public utility as set forth in section 1102, subsection 1-C, in rendering its authorized service or in any way incidental thereto; [2011, c. 290, §7 (AMD) .]

B-1. The electrical work and equipment employed in connection with an aboveground electric line described in section 1102, subsection 1-B; [2011, c. 290, §8 (NEW) .]

C. Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps, fuses, lighting fixtures, switches and sockets, the installation and repair of outlets, radio and other low voltage equipment and the repair of entrance service equipment; [1981, c. 543, §1 (AMD) .]

D. Installations or alterations for which a permit and inspection are required by municipal resolution or ordinance under Title 30-A, section 4173; [1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §§73, 106 (AMD); 1989, c. 6, (AMD); 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

E. Any electrical equipment and work, including construction, installation, operation, maintenance and repair in or about industrial or manufacturing facilities; [1999, c. 386, Pt. F, §9 (AMD).]

F. Any electrical equipment and work, including construction, installation, operation, maintenance and repair in, on or about other properties, equipment or buildings, residential or of any other kind, owned or operated by a person engaged in industrial or manufacturing operations provided that the work is done under the supervision of an electrical engineer or master electrician in the employ of that person; [1999, c. 386, Pt. F, §9 (AMD).]

G. Work performed by any person licensed under chapter 139 as an oil burner technician, subject to the restrictions of the license as issued; [2009, c. 344, Pt. D, §9 (AMD); 2009, c. 344, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

H. Work performed by a person licensed under chapter 139 as a propane and natural gas installer, when installing propane and natural gas utilization equipment, subject to the restrictions of that person's license; [2009, c. 344, Pt. D, §10 (AMD); 2009, c. 344, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

I. Work performed by a person licensed under chapter 49 as a plumber, except that this exception applies only to disconnection and connection of electrical conductors required in the replacement of water pumps and water heaters of the same or smaller size in residential properties; or [1999, c. 386, Pt. F, §9 (NEW).]

J. Work performed by a person licensed under chapter 69-C as a pump installer, except that this exception applies only to disconnection and connection of electrical conductors required in the replacement of water pumps of the same or smaller size in residential properties and the installation of new water pumps and associated equipment of 3 horsepower or smaller. [1999, c. 386, Pt. F, §9 (NEW).]

[2011, c. 290, §§7, 8 (AMD) .]

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